

Supreme Court Rule 124 Recommendation

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Brief Recap

- ◉ Since October 2000 e-Filing approach changed from each jurisdiction setting up its own e-filing system to unified, statewide approach
- ◉ Numerous AOs used to waive rules in various courts for various pilots
- ◉ Technical details for e-filing documents need to be addressed, as well
- ◉ Goal is a rule change on Jan 1, 2012, with accompanying code changes for courts and technical guidance for filers

Patchwork Quilt of AOs



Activities Since Last Meeting

- ◉ AOC internal review by Legal and Executive Office
- ◉ Opened hyperlinks language further
- ◉ Divided content between rule and technical standards document
- ◉ Decided tech stds belong on website; discussed appropriate approval authority
- ◉ Obtained ok for committee distribution

Approval Timeline

- AOC internal review
- AJC standing committee reviews
- Rules Petition posting January 2011
- Comments collected through May 2011
- Supreme Court Rules Agenda in August 2011
- Effective revision date January 1, 2012
- Technical documents timed to coincide

Key Policies

- ◉ AZTurboCourt named the Supreme Court authorized electronic case filing system
- ◉ Paragraph numbering req'd in Appellate opinions only
- ◉ Hyperlinks and bookmarks allowed in all filings, not part of court record
- ◉ Open source formats for document filings (.odt and .docx)
 - > Proposed orders in Word ≤2007 or XML
- ◉ Service of process through AZTurboCourt by default (post-initiation)
- ◉ Assures no penalty for “behind the scenes” review and acceptance

Questions about Content or Process



Motion Text

- Recommend that AJC submit the revisions to Rule 124, Rules of the Supreme Court for Electronic Filing, to the formal rules comment process, as presented.